

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

5           A wheelchair apparatus for permitting a user to sit in an  
upright position while operating a wheelchair. The wheelchair  
apparatus includes a chair member being designed for supporting  
the user. The chair member has a seat portion. The chair member  
has a frame portion. The chair member has at least one drive  
10   wheel. The drive wheel is rotatably coupled to the frame portion.  
The chair member has at least one support wheel. The support  
wheel is coupled to the frame portion. The support wheel is  
designed for permitting the chair member to roll along the support  
surface. At least one lever assembly is operationally coupled to the  
15   drive wheel. The lever assembly is coupled to the chair member.  
The lever assembly is for rotating the drive wheel for propelling  
the chair member across the support surface when the lever  
assembly is actuated by the user.

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